

## THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

in re Application of:	)
Silvia GHIDINI et al.	) Group Art Unit: 3663
Application No.: 10/518,473	) ) Examiner: BOLDA, Eric L.
Filed: December 20, 2004	) )
For: OPTICAL DEVICES COMPRISING SERIES OF BIREFRINGENT WAVEPLATES	) Confirmation No.: 7715 )

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

## REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicants submit this Amendment in response to the non-final Office Action mailed August 4, 2006, the period for response to which has been extended through February 4, 2007, by a petition for a three-month extension of time and associated fee filed herewith. Applicants respectfully traverse all pending objections and rejections and request reconsideration of the application, as amended.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments to this paper include Random House Webster's Unabridged

Dictionary (2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. 1998), p.1440 (defining "periodic")